

## Helping the Future

Children are the future. It's as simple as that. Who else is going to be the next president or cure cancer? Children make a difference in this world. They are the innovators and the scientist, the teachers and the doctors. Every great successful person in the world was a kid once. Yet, kids all around the world don't get the proper education they need to be world changers. I'm a kid myself, so maybe it's too much to help my peers around the world just yet, but maybe I could start in my own community. I hope to tutor struggling kids in my school, and all around the school district to get them the extra help they need to be successful.

The school district has been in a long continuous struggle for a while. On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, our school's accreditation was revoked by the Missouri State school board. The school district had only met 3 of the 14 standards required in English, math, science, attendance, and graduation. It left parents with the hard decision of struggling to afford expensive private schools or keep their children in a system that been marked as a failure. As of lately, our district has made many improvement to their district. It has been given a provisionally accredited status, and even has the highest ranked school in the state.

I would help struggling kids in my school district by holding a weekly tutoring session once or twice a week. First, I would gather up a group of people who performed well in school and were willing to help. Then, I would ask my principal to send out a district wide flyer to all the elementary and middle schools. If there's a positive response to the flyers, then I would begin making lesson plans. My goal for to tutoring program is to make learning fun and to make it stick. Book work isn't enjoyable. I would make the lessons informational, interactive, and lively.

The program would be convenient for the helpers, parents, and children. Parents wouldn't have to worry about picking and dropping children off if they didn't want to, or wasn't able to.

There would be a system in place to where the children could take a school bus from their school to the Academy and take the tutoring bus home after that.

Kids are worth it. The extra help one child gets could be the key to unlocking their potential. I feel that helping the struggling kids in my community is a great way to help my community. Tutoring kids in my district doesn't isn't charity to me, it's just giving back to the community that's given so much to me.

**Organization/Purpose – 4+**

- Provides a specific solution (controlling idea) “I hope to tutor struggling kids in my school...”
- Strongly maintained focus that includes a specific plan of action
- Adequate transitions “First” “Then” “As of lately”

**Evidence/Elaboration – 4**

- Uses effective elaboration to engage reader “It's as simple as that.” “Who else is going to be the next president or cure cancer?”
- Uses specific examples “innovators and the scientist, the teachers and the doctors”
- Uses “fact” and dates “On January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014, accreditation was revoked” “...only met 3 of the 14 standards...”

**Conventions – 2**

- Few errors—some capitalization and hyphens